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राज्य सरकार तथा अन्य राज्य प्राधिकारियों द्वारा जारी किये गये कानूनी आदेश तथा अधिसूचनाएं।

Department of Medical, Health & FW and

National Health Mission

Notification

Jaipur, July 05, 2024

S.O.11 .-Whereas the State Government is satisfied that the state is visited by Human Rabies and thinks fit that the ordinary provisions of the law which are in force in the state are insufficient for the prevention of the said disease;

Now therefore, in the exercise of the powers conferred by section 3 read with section 9 of the Rajasthan Epidemic Diseases Act, 2020 (Act No. 21 of 2020), the State Government hereby notifies Human Rabies as a notifiable epidemic disease, which is defined in the schedule appended hereto and also authorizes the Director of Health Services and the District Magistrate of all Districts to take such measures to prevent the outbreak and spread of Human Rabies within their areas of jurisdiction.

Schedule

Rabies: Rabies is a viral disease that causes inflammation of the brain in humans and other mammals. The causative agent of rabies is the Lyssavirus, specifically the rabies virus (RABV). The disease is typically transmitted through the bite or scratch of an infected animal, most commonly stray dogs. Once symptoms appear, rabies is almost invariably fatal. Early symptoms include fever and tingling at the site of exposure, followed by more severe neurological symptoms such as agitation, hydrophobia, and eventually, paralysis and death. Prevention primarily involves vaccination and immediate post-exposure prophylaxis.

Case Definition of Human Rabies Cases

1. **Suspect case:**

To be reported by Hospitals (Public & Private)/ Clinics

Death of a human with a history of dog/animal bite a few weeks/months preceding death. Wherever available, the details of such cases should be shared in a line list– Name, Age, Gender, Address.

2. **Probable Case:**

To be reported by Hospitals/Clinics

A suspected human case plus a history of exposure to a (suspect/probable) rabid animal

3. Laboratory Confirmed case:

To be reported by laboratories

A suspect or a probable human case that is laboratory-confirmed. Laboratory confirmation by one or more of the following: -

(a) Detection of rabies viral antigens by direct fluorescent antibody test (FAT) or by ELISA in clinical specimens, preferably brain tissue (collected postmortem) in animals and humans.

(b) Detection by FAT on skin biopsy (ante-mortem).

(c) FAT positive after inoculation of brain tissue, saliva, or CSF in cell culture, or after intracerebral inoculation in mice or in suckling mice.

(d) Detectable rabies-neutralizing antibody titer in the serum or the CSF of an unvaccinated person.

Whereas Rabies is a viral disease present in India resulting in human deaths. Human rabies incidents depend critically on dog-related transmission parameters. Dogs are the main source of human rabies, upto 99% of all rabies transmission occurs to humans after dog bites.

Whereas Rabies is 100% fatal but preventable by timely and appropriate post-exposure prophylaxis (PEP). Rabies is the oldest recognized zoonotic disease of public health concern in the State accounting for substantial morbidity, mortality, and economic loss. There is a global call for Rabies elimination that is Zero Human deaths due to rabies by 2030.

Whereas National Rabies Control Programme (NRCP) is being implemented in the Country to address the issues & challenges of rabies surveillance in India, where case definitions have been formulated for reporting any Suspected case, Probable case, or Confirmed case of rabies in Humans as detailed above and provisions are made to report Human deaths due to rabies in an integrated manner on IDSP-IHIP Portal.

And, Whereas prevention, control, and elimination of rabies from a geographical area can only be achieved through robust surveillance, post-exposure prophylaxis, and case/death reporting systems.

Whereas the concerned District Health authority will report such cases to the State Nodal Officer for NRCP/SSU,IDSP through the IDSP-IHIP Portal.

This notification shall be effective from the date of publication and shall remain valid till further notification or modification or any amendment whatsoever.

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By order and in the name of the Governor,

Priti Mathur,

Joint Secretary to the Government.

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